

TOPIC TITLE: VASQUEZ BOULEVARD AND I-70 OU2 CLEANUP

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ISSUE SUMMARY:

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UPCOMING MILESTONES / DEADLINES / DECISION POINTS:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

BACKGROUND:

OU2 is the former location of the Omaha & Grant Smelter. It is located, mainly, in the parking lot of the Denver Coliseum. It is bounded to the north by I-70, to the east by the central part of Denver Coliseum, following Brighton Boulevard to the south and cutting across Pepsi towards the Globeville Landing Park, the South Platte River and the train tracks toward the I-70. The attached figure shows the OU. The site was also used as a municipal landfill. The PRP is the City and County of Denver.

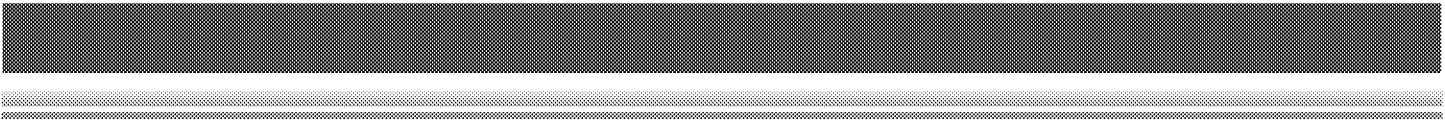
In 2008, EPA and the City and County of Denver entered into an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) to perform a remedial investigation (RI) and feasibility study (FS). The RI was completed in 2009. In 2015 the City and County of Denver and EPA entered another AOC. The 2015 AOC was a request from Denver to build a stormwater project through OU2. The 2015 AOC was entered using the removal authority of EPA. The work to complete the environmental components of the stormwater was completed in 2018. Denver provided their completion report in December 2018. EPA sent its technical comments in February, after the furlough. The report is waiting for EPA's legal review to finalize it.

Since 2009, additional environmental data was collected. That additional data pointed to a review of the 2009 RI. EPA asked Denver to update the RI. To start those efforts, we asked Denver to submit a scope of work that incorporated all the environmental data collected since 2009 and an updated conceptual site model. EPA offered comments to the scope and now Denver is working to incorporate the comments.

Denver and EPA currently share information with the community group. I will share the scope with the community before we finalize it. I will repeat this process through the investigation, ROD and remedy implementation. As part of the community requests, I submitted an environmental report from the National Western. The EPA site assessment team determined that additional data is needed. The site assessment team will work to collect the additional information.

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